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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

ADELAIDE NEILSON, the great actress, died suddenly in Paris on the 15th.

THE Cathedral of Cologne is completed.

OLE BULL, the famous violinist, has just died at Bergen, Norway. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN F. PHILLIPS

the Seventh Missouri District.

THE Connecticut Republican State Convention nominated for Governor Mayor Bigelow, of New Haven. THE Democratic campaign in Indiana

was opened on the 14th, with over two hundred meetings in various parts of the State. GEN. GREEN B. RAUM, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, is making campaign

speeches in Maine. THE New Jersey Republican State Convention nominated Frederick A. Potts for Governor.

THE New York Greenback State Convention, held at Syracuse on the 18th, nominated a ticket of Presidential Electors and place, about twenty in number, was demolalso of State officers.

THE harvests in both East and West Prussia have been almost totally destroyed by floods. It has rained incessantly for nearly three weeks in some localities.

A NATIONAL Convention of Republican Campaign Clubs has been called to meet at Indianapolis on the 15th of September, each organization being entitled to one del-

CINCINNATI is dissatisfied with its census returns, and the police will make a new enumeration of three districts in order to determine what further action shall be

THE Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templar of the United States began at Chicago on the 16th with a very large attendance. An immense crowd of spectators was in attendance from all parts of the country.

THE Chinese Minister at Washington has given notice that his Government has, by official decree, removed the ancient restrictions on commerce, and that the Celestials- may hereafter trade with foreigners at

REPRESENTATIVE BLACKBURN has been renominated by the Democrats of the Seventh Kentucky Congressional District, and Representative Caldwell has also received a renomination in the Third District, Kentucky.

An alleged plot to blow up Cork Barracks was discovered on the 18th. Two barrels of gunpowder were found secreted in the railway tunnel directly beneath the barracks. The troops were immediately put under arms, but no further developments were made.

REPORTS received at the Department of Agriculture at Washington show that the condition of the cotton crop throughout the Southern States is unusually good, and an unprecedented yield is predicted. The black rust has appeared, however, in certain sections of Georgia, and it is believed that the crop in that State will not reach the average.

ADVICES from Candahar, on the 11th, report the enemy throwing up siege works around the city. Ayob Kban has 2,000 cavalry and 25 guns. His headquarters were only three miles distant from the city. It was reported that European officers were with his command, but the rumor was not generally credited.

THE National Council of the Albanian League has decided to throw off every vestige of Ottoman authority. The population of Scutari are preparing decisive measures against the Turkish authorities. So complete is the Albanian revolt that Central Albanian cities have refused to take part in the movement against Greece.

ACCORDING to careful estimates of the Boston Advertiser, by the new census the Northern States will have a population of 30,763,820, and the Southern States, 17,692,-331. The average rate of growth of the two regions is almost identical; that of the South is slightly more than twenty-eight per centum, that of the North slightly below twenty-seven per centum.

MISS NEILSON'S sudden death, as ascertained by a post-mortem examination, was caused by dropsy of the heart, accelerated by extreme indigestion. Miss Neilson was driving in the Bois de Boulogne, when she was seized with sudden illness, and was conveyed to the nearest restaurant, where she expired. Her remains will be buried in Brompton Cemetery, London.

THE Connecticut Democratic State Convention, held on the 18th, nominated Hon. James E. English for Governor; Charles M. Pond, of Hartford, for Lieut .-Governor; S. S. Blake for Secretary of State; Merrick A. Mercy for Treasurer, and Charles R. Fagan for Comptroller. Gov. English has signified his acceptance of the nomina-

DURING a riot between Catholics and Orangemen at Dungannon, Ireland, on Sunday, the 15th, the police first used buckshot and then ball cartridges to disperse the crowd, who returned the fire with revolvers. Many persons were wounded. At Down Patrick the Catholics and Orangemen fought for several hours, a number on both sides being severely wounded; and at Belfast a similar collision occurred, two deaths resulting.

THE Knights Templar procession in Chicago was about three hours in passing a given point, and it is estimated that nearly 20,000 uniformed Knights were in line, in sddition to a score or more of bands, the whole presenting a scene of great splendor. The streets and ouildings along the line of march were handsomely decorated, and every available point of observation was occupied by a church at Commienon and drowning spectator. The city was thronged with eleven persons, who were carried away by guests from abroad, every hotel being the rush of waters. crowded to its utmost capacity.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

AT Bunker Hill, St. Clair County, Ill., on the 16th, Henry Cardwell, a miner, shot his wife through the head with a shotgun and then cut his throat with a razor. Both were dead when found, and as there was probably no witness to the tragedy, it is only upon strong circumstantial evidence that the theory of murder and suicide was established. Cardwell and his wife were both middle-aged, with a family of grown-up children, none of whom lived at home. He was of intemperate and improvident habits, and had been unusually depressed for some months past on account of one of his sons

having become insane. ROBERT WILKES, a wholesale jeweler. of Toronto, his daughter, Florence, aged fifteen, and son, Bertie, aged eleven, were drowned at Sturgeon Point on the 16th. Florence and Bertie were bathing, and the boy getting beyond his depth, the father, has been renominated by the Democrats of | who was in a boat, jumped out to save him; the daughter also went to the rescue, and

all were drowned. JOHN C. TAYLOR, Secretary of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of Western Massachusetts, and his wife were drowned in the Connecticut River at Springfield on the 16th. Mrs. Taylor leaped from the boat in which were her husband and two other women. He sprang after her, and being unable to swim, both were lost.

THE disturbed and unsatisfactory state of Circassia is seriously occupying the minds of the Russian Central authorities.

A TERRIBLE explosion of giant-powder occurred at Red Hill, a station on the Denver and South Park Railroad, about half way between Denver and Leadville, on the night of the 13th. Every building in the ished. C. A. Hilton, the Assistant Station Agent, was killed, and P. J. Conway and F. B. Collier were fatally and several others seriously injured. The cause of the explosion is not known.

THOMAS McGRAW, one of the most prominent business men of Detroit, Mich., President of the Michigan Savings Bank and also of the Globe Tobacco Company, has made an assignment. Unfortunate real estate investments and speculations in wool are the cause of his troubles.

AT Minneapolis, on the 14th, Charles H. Richmond, a railroad conductor, shot and killed his wife, from whom he had been separated, and then put a bullet through his

own head, dying instantly. M. J. FARNSWORTH, Deputy Sheriff saloon-keeper. The latter claims to have acted in self-defense.

H. E. PARKHURST, a young lawyer of Bath, N. Y., on the 14th, shot and killed Fannie Howell, daughter of a prominent merchant, and then killed himself. Several years ago, when both were mere children. the parties were married at a picnic, in a somewhat informal manner and partly as a joke, but they never lived together as man and wife, as the girl's parents took the matter in hand and had the marriage annulled by the courts. Since arriving at age Parkhurst has insisted upon again marrying Miss Howell, who it seems reciprocated his passion, but her parents would not consent, and Parkhurst, becoming desperate, took to tragedy here recounted.

TWENTY-ONE persons have been tried by court-martial and convicted at Kief, Russia, for political offenses. Two were sentenced to death, three to twenty years' imprisonment, and sixteen to hard labor for terms varying from ten to fifteen years.

BILL RODIFER, a notorious burglar, recently pardoned out of the Indiana Penitentiary on account of good conduct, was shot and killed on the morning of the 17th by J. C. Walker, a son of Dr. Walker, of Indianapolis. Mrs. Walker being awakened by a noise during the night, got up and turned on the gas, which was burning low, and while doing so noticed a man underneath the Doctor's bed. Without awaken- titled to five delegates. ing her husband or manifesting any alarm, she quietly went into an adjoining room and aroused her son, who seized a revolver and came upon the scene just as the burglar was making his exit, with a drawn knife in one hand and a revolver in the other, with the latter of which he had fired one shot at the Doctor, who had awakened during his wife's absence and discovered the burglar's presence. Young Walker fired twice at the man, both shots taking effect in his breast. Rodifer managed to get down stairs, but fell dead just as he reached the threshold:

DR. JOHN BUCHANAN, Dean of the Eclectic Medical College of Philadelphia, under indictment for fraudulently issuing medical diplomas, jumped from a ferryboat into the river and drowned himself, on the

During a drunken carousal at the house of John Kelleher, in Oakland, Cal., the house was set on fire and two of his children were burned to death and a third was fatally injured. Mrs. Kellcher and another woman, Mrs. King, were both badly burned, and Kelleher was slightly scorehed.

THE Yaeger Mill at St. Louis, the argest flouring mill in the city, was totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 17th. Total loss about \$450,000; insurance, \$285,-

EUREKA, Nevada, has had another disastrous fire, which swept over about the same ground as the fire of a year ago. A large number of business buildings and private residences were destroyed. The losses will aggregate nearly \$1,000,000.

SENATOR CONKLING, it is said, is booked for several speeches in Ohio and Indiana.

PRESIDENT HAYES will go on a tour to the Pacific Coast, making several speeches en route.

Ex-Gov. Herschel V. Johnson, of Georgia, died on the 16th, at his residence in Jefferson County, aged 68. GENERAL BRYAN GRIMES, a well

sassinated near his home in Pitt County by some person unknown. He was shot dead while driving along the road. WHILE a circus procession was taking place at Winchester, Va., on the 16th, Andrew Drayton, the keeper of the hyenas,

mals, was set upon by them and almost literally devoured before he could be rescued. His injuries were thought to be fatal. FROST appeared in Central New York on the night of August 15, and at one place

who was occupying the cage of those ani-

in Delaware County ice formed. FLOODS swept down the glen of Glendore, County Donegal, Ireland, flooding the

A MOVEMENT has been set on foot for

inducing immigration to West Tennessee. A society has been organized at Memphis, under the auspices of the State Bureau of Immigration.

THE naked and terribly mutilated body of Mary Cassiday, aged ten years, was found in a brush heap in the woods near Barnstable, Mass., on the 18th. The head was nearly severed from the body and in the child's side was a large butcher-knife. The ground about bore evidence of the struggle of the little girl to free herself from the villain who so fearfully assaulted and cruelly

murdered her. Wadkins, a horse thief, was taken from the Jail at Fort Scott, Kansas, by a mob, and hanged to the limb of a tree.

PLEURO-PNEUMONIA is prevailing among the cattle in Lancashire, England. A CASE of twenty rifles, shipped from

Muford for Cork, was seized by the police. R. L. SMILEY, of Spring Lake, Scott County, Minn., drove into the lake to water his horses, with his wife and three boys, sixteen, ten and one year old, in the wagon with him. The horses became unmanageable and overturned the wagon. The three boys were drowned and the wife was barely

GEN. BYRNE, of Fort Worth, Texas, who was wounded four times recently while traveling east in a coach attacked by Indians. died at Fort Quitman from the effects of his

wounds. MISS TILLIE MATEER, a young lady of Mount Joy, Pa., was walking along the road towards home accompanied by a young gentleman, when a spark from his lighted cigar set fire to her dress. When the flames were discovered both parties used their best efforts to extinguish them, and would probably have been successful had not Miss Mateer, losing her presence of mind, started on a full run. This action caused the fire to envelop her whole body, and her clothing was almost entirely destroyed before the flames were finally extinguished. She was taken to her home by a passing carriage, but died within a short time after her arrival.

TWENTY persons were killed by a landslide at Vieuxport, near Poitiers, France, which crushed in two houses.

LUKE BLACKBURN won the one mile and a half race at Long Branch, on the 17th, in the unprecedented time of 2:34.

GEN. HANCOCK was visited on the 13th by a delegation of Woman Suffragists, headed by Miss Lillie Devereux Blake, whose mission was to ascertain from the Democratic nominee for the Presidency his views reof Buena Vista, Colo., was shot and killed on garding woman's exercise of the franchise. the night of the 13th, by Daniel Linahan, a Gen. Hancock assured them, it is reported, that he is in sympathy with any movement looking to the amelioration of woman's condition, and that if elected he certainly should not veto any measure that might come before him according them the right to vote.

> THE Texas and Pacific Railroad Company has advertised for the completion of the New Orleans Division of their road, known as the New Orleans and Pacific, from Shreveport, via Mansfield and Baton Rouge, entering the Crescent City on the eastern side of the Mississippi River. The whole distance is about 325 miles, over half of which is already graded.

DURING the last year 863,493,572 letters originating in this country passed drink, and finally wound up by enacting the through the United States mails, 276,446,718 postal-cards, 695,175,624 newspapers, 53,472,-276 magazines, and 300,845,480 books, circulars, and miscellaneous printed articles.

THE gross earnings of thirty-eight railroads, reporting their receipts for July, show a gain of about 32 per cent., the increase in mileage being about 12 per cent. The earnings from January 1st show an increase of 25 per cent. The increase is nearly uniform throughout the list, with a single unimportant exception.

THE National Liberal League will convene in Chicago, Sept. 17, to nominate a candidate for President or indorse one of the present nominees. There are about two hundred auxiliary Leagues, each of which is en-

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE Pope has announced the following American appointments: C. Manngue, Virginia City, Nevada, Bishop in partibus, with future succession to Bishop O'Connell, Grass Valley, California; John A. Watterson, Bishop of Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Mr. Heiss, Bishop in partibus, with succession to Archbishop Henne, of Milwaukee; Rev. Portillo, Bishop in partibus and Vicar Apostolic of Lower California.

THE bombardment of Candahar began on the 19th. Cannonading was kept up during the entire day on three sides of the city, but without inflicting any serious dam-

A young man named Waldron was lynched by a mob in Spalding County, Ga., his offense being the desertion of his wife and eloping with her twelve-year-old sister.

A WEDDING party at Pamesville, U., were poisoned at supper, evidently by some deleterious substance being mixed with the food. All who partook were seriously ill, some of them nigh to death, but all will recover.

FREDERICK ZIMMERMAN, aged 40, and Jacob Volmer, aged 14, were crushed to death by a descending elevator in the Sandusky (O.) Wheel-works. The accident was caused by a broken cable. Several persons on the elevator were injured, but none se-

verely. THE Democratic Convention of the Ninth Illinois District nominated Hon. John

S. Lee for Congress. THE Maine Temperance Society, in mass convention, nominated Joshua N. Os-

good for Governor. A MAN named Marburger, a traveling salesman for the tobacco house of Abel Brothers, Denver, was found dead in a house of bad repute in that city on the morning of the 19th. There had been a quarrel the previous night, in which the keeper of the house, known citizen of North Carolina, was as-Carrie Smith, struck Marburger over the head with a bottle, and a male friend of hers then clubbed him with a revolver. The

murdered man leaves a wife and three chil-AT Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Elizabeth Benson, mother of Chief of Police Benson, who committed suicide in January last, on the 19th cut her throat and then jumped into a hogshead of water. When found she was dead.

JOSHUA BALLARD, City Marshal of Ennis, Texas, was shot and killed on the morning of the 19th by S. B. Alexander, whom he had arrested and locked up for being drunk and disorderly on the previous

REUBEN CARUTHERS, a colored cattle thief, was lynched near Brenham, Texas, dener's. - Rome Sentinel. on the night of the 18th.

TRUE FATE OF THE BENDERS.

low They Were Pursued, Captured and A correspondent of the Chicago Times, writing from Oswego, Labette County, Kan., in reference to the arrest of the McGregor tramps and their claim

to be members of the murderous Bender

family, says:

family, says:

"The Benders are dead. I speak thus decisively because I know whereof I speak. It is not customary for one to be ast of acts of lawlessness, and it is not in that spirit that I enter upon the recital of the last chapter of the bloody career of the brutish Benders.

"It is not necessary to go into a detailed account of the murders. In point of fact, very little is actually known on that point. No one in the land of the living will have the hardinoid to say that he saw the deeds done, and the Benders themselves never made a confession that I know of. The McGregor liars were a little off in their description of the murders. They always had kate, or Maggie, her cousin, or John, cutting the heads of the victims to pieces with hatchets, whereas they tims to pieces with hatchets, whereas they were invariably brained with a hammer and

their throats cut.

"The Benders, John and his wife, and their two children, Kate and John, kept a wayside tavern about a mile and a half southeast of Morehead Station on the road leading from Independence to the Osage Mission. They were there when I moved into the county two years before the discovery of the butcheries, and were well known then. Kate was a red-faced, low-browed, square-shouldered amazon, strong effough to throw a buil by the tail, and every-body stood in awe of her. She made a pretense of practicing the healing art, and was known far and wide as a "spiritualistic doctor." Her cures were permanent, and her remedy was a hammer. Decent people avoided the Bender tavern. As the country hereabouts harbored a good many desperadoes about this time, no one cared to raise a row, and the protest went no further than avoidance. When search was instituted for the body of Dr. York, in April, 1873, suspicion was directed against the Benders, and contrary to the general belief a close watch was kept on them for a while. They must have been aware of the surveillance, for at the first opportunity they decamped. The report that they took the train at Thayer, a station a few miles north of Cherryvale, and went to Humboldt, from which place they took passage for Texas, is a mistake. They simply bundled their goods into two wagons and started for Indian Territory. They did not proceed at once to their destination, if, indeed, they had any destination marked out, but crossed over into Montgomery County, and squatted near Verdigris River to await developments. The distance from their farm was something like twenty miles. John, Jr., or erossed over into Montgomery County, and squatted near Verdigris River to await developments. The distance from their farm was something like twenty miles. John, Jr., or John, Sr., made daily trips back to the vicinity of Cherryvale and took observations. It was their intention to return if the excitement should blow over, but if it continued warm they would go on as originally planned. They knew of the discovery of their crime within an hour after the bodies were dug out of their shallow graves, and they lost no time in striking their tents. They struck out for the west bank of the river and started sout hward post haste. Their flight soon became a panic, and to add to their discomfiture one of their wagons broke down. Packing what they could of the load on their horses they piled up what was left, set fire to it, and hurried on.

"In the meantime a vigilance committee had been formed. This move was taken with the greatest secrecy, and none but trusty men were admitted to the organization. The utmost circumspection was used, for the reason that in a new community like this the doubtful assistance of suspicious characters was a thing to be decoded. The vigilantes did not that in a new community like this the doubtful assistance of suspicious characters was a thing to be dreaded. The vigilantes did not number more than one hundred men all told, but they meant business, as the sequel proved. It was my good or bad fortune to be one of the elect. Scouts were sent out in all directions, and within forty-eight hours of the departure of the Benders from their camp in the next county, the fact was duly reported to us.

ing party and started after the butchers. Once on their trail, we had no difficulty in following it. The murderous quartet had taken to the open country west of the river, but were keeping within convenient distance of the thick timber that grows in the valley watered by the stream. They were expecting pursuit, and hoped to escape by losing themselves in this timber if it came to the worst. As we pro-ceeded the trail freshened, and ere long we came across the haf-consumer ruins of the wagen left by the Benders in their flight. wagon left by the Benders in their flight. came evident to the mind of those acquainted with the country that they were pointing for that paradise of cutthroats located near the mouth of the Red fork of the Arkansas. The country hereabouts is a bleak and desolate region, infested by horse-thieves, half-breed Creeks, Pawnees and Cherokees. Once there they knew they would be safe from pursuit. Even the United States troops have pursuit. Even the United States troops have never been able to penetrate that terra incognita. It is a safe retreat for the border ruffians, and is known to be such all through this section of the country. This haven for the wicked is distant about one hundred and forty miles from the point where the Verdigris River enters Indian Territory. The murderers had about forty miles to travel before reaching the boundary of the Territory, and they were probably twenty miles beyond reaching the boundary of the Territory, and they were probably twenty miles beyond the line waen our scouts caught sight of them. Burdened as they were with much cumbrous baggage, they had not been able to make very great speed, but they used every possible effort to put space behind them. It was about three o'c ock on a hot, sultry May afternoon that we came in sight of the party. They saw us as soon as we came from cover, and abandoning everything they broke for the forest. They plunged into the woods and scattered. We were close upon their beels, however, and they did not succeed in cluding us long. The old man and his wire and Kate were under arrest in less than an hour. John, Jr., was more fortunate than the other members of the tribe, for he contrived to evade us for an hour longer, but he was at length run to cover and forced to surrender.

"Having captured the assassins the ques-

"About forty of us organized into a pursu-

forced to surrender.

"Having captured the assassins the question now arose, 'What are we to do with them?' Some were for taking them back and letting the law take its course. The advocates of this line of policy were largely in the minority. There were those amongst us whose relatives had failen victims to the deadly hammers and knives of the wretches, and they would not listen to the suggestions of the conservative element. They threatened to do some killing then and there if their demands for instant vengeance were not regarded. No one would have offered a very strenuous opposition if they had carried out their threats, but it was thought best to do the job up after the most approved form obtaining in the courts presided over by Judge Lynch.

"The prisoners were accordingly arraigned and asked what they had to say in their defense. The old woman was sullen and ugly, but the tree was chowed signs of faller."

and asked want they had to say in their de-fense. The old woman was sulien and ugly, but the two men showed signs of faltering. Had they been left to themselves, they would have made full confessions, beyond a doubt. The amiable Kate perceived this, and, think-ing it would please the vigitants too much to hear confessions, she fell to cursing her brother and father for their cowardice. Foulbrother and father for their cowardice. Fouler language was never ut-ered than came from
the lips of this fiend. No term was too vile
to apply to her relatives. They took it sullenly at first, but soon something of her reckless
spirit infused them, and they too joined in
the tirade. The chorus of biasphemy that
went up from that hardened lot caused a
shudder to run through our party. With death
staring them in the face, they united in cursing us and lamenting their inability to do us
harm. Such malignity I never saw equaled. harm. Such malignity I never saw equaled. Even the old woman chipped in occasionally, and her appearance indicated that she wholly

and her appearance indicated that she wholly approved of the family demonstration.

"Our court went through with the form prescribed and then pronounced a sentence of death. The announcement was received with jeers from the hardened criminals, who had determined to brave it out to the last. It was decided that the murderers should be shot, as it would take too much time to hang them. The sun was already nearly down, and the shadows of approaching night were deepening. There on the borders of the forest the cruel killers were tied to saplings and told to prepare for death. One of our number, who had not quite forgotten his early education, undertook to offer a prayer, but the lovely Kate spit in his face while he was addressing the throne of grace, and he quit right in the middertook to offer a prayer, but the lovely Kate spit in his face while he was addressing the throne of grace, and he quit right in the middle of a sentence and drew off in disgust.

"The four died with curses on their lips, hardened and unrepentant to the last. There in that lonely, dismal spot, away beyond the confines of civilization, they met a righteous retribution, and their souls, black with crime, were sent to meet the great Judge. A hole, made by the displacement of the roots of a fallen cottonwood, was made a little larger and deeper, and the bodies were thrown in and hastily covered with loose earth, rocks and brushwood. This was all there was to the funcral.

"On reaching the level again, the effects of the Benders were stacked and burned as a sort of an offering to Heaven. We then pro-ceeded northward, separting before reaching the settlements, each seeking his home quietly. funeral.

"This is the true history of the fate of th Benders, and when, in the future, you hear of the apprehension of any of the tribe, you can put it down as a canard."

A GROWING BUSINESS-The gar

From Newsboy to Railway Manager.

OF Major John E. Simpson, General Manager of the Vandalia Railway lines, who died quite suddenly in St. Louis recently, the Globe-Democrat gives the

following biographical sketch:

Maj. John Eccles Simpson was born
near Londonderry, in the North of Ireland, November 1, 1839. His father having been unfortunate in business in New York, whither the family had immigrated while the subject of this sketch was still an infant, he removed to Detroit, Mich., and afterward to Michigan City, Ind. The boy got a free-school cducation, and early familiarized him-self with the knowledge of the world that is not written between book-covers. At the age of eleven he was selling papers in Chicago. He next became a messenger boy in a telegraph office, and was only thirteen years old when given a position as operator in Detroit, being then one of the youngest wire manipulators in the country. From the telegraph office he changed to railroad work, going into the employ of the Michigan Central and remaining there two years, when, at the age of twenty, he was appointed Assistant Train Dispatcher of the Louisville, Albany and Chicago Railroad. He have the same that the family of Phelim Toole, the heroic fireman who recently lost his life in discharging his duty. Chicago Railroad. He became prominent in literary, military and other en-terprises in Michigan City, and made a record there that won for him numerous friends and placed him high in everybody's esteem. He was still engaged at railroad work when the war broke out, and answering the call to arms he was elected and commissioned Captain of Co. H, 59th Indiana Volunteers. Soon after the battle of Pittsburg Landing he joined the Army of the Tennessee and went through all the engagements in which that army fought, including the siege of Vicksburg and the memorable March to the Sea. the During the last two years of his service he was on the staff of Major-Gen. John E. Smith, Commander of the Third Division of the 15th Army Corps of the Army of the Tennessee. After being mustered out of the service he accepted the position of Train-Dispatcher and Superintendent of Telegraph for the Terre Haute and Richmond Railway. In 1866 he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railway, and in this year, on December 20, he was married to Miss Hattie L. Sherman, second daughter of Dr. W.G. Sherman, of Michigan City, Ind. In June, 1870, he was appointed Division Superintendent of the Vandalia Line (then completed) between Indianapolis and Terre Haute. In November, 1870, when Gen. T. A. Morris and W. T. Boaz were receivers of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and La-fayette Railroad, they offered Maj. Simpson, and urged him to accept, the position of General Superintendent of that road, but the officers of the Terre Haute would not release him, and in July, 1871, they made him General Su-perintendent of the entire line from Indianapolis to St. Louis. On November. 19, 1875, he became General Manager of the combination which includes the Vandalia and St. Louis and Indianapo Strict attention to business made Maj.

the time of his death. Simpson successful in every place of the edge, in her abundant hair. honor and trust confided to him. Selfqualities as his weapons, and in every his friends will seek to perpetuate, and tile."
which will be among the brightest memories that are preserved of the active, enterprising and reliable business men of the Mississippi Valley who have passed away into eternity.

Causes of Sunstroke.

EVERY year, even in our temperate climate, persons die from sunstroke while about their work, or when walking the street. The seat of the disorder is in a small oblong organ—the medulla oblongata-just within the skull and next to the spinal column below. From this organ proceed the pneumogastric nerves the eighth pair-on which, among other things, depends our power to breathe. On other branches of the same nerve depend the power to swallow, the action of the stomach, and to a large ex-tent, the action of the heart, though this last organ is so far self-acting that it can keep on beating not only after death, but after being taken from the body. From the medulla comes also the power of the blood vessels to dilate and contract, and of the skin to perspire. Now the heat of the sun falling upon the back of the head and neck so affects the medulla, that the nervous supply to the lungs and other organs is cut off; or, as is more generally believed, so changes the character of the blood that the latter does not furnish nerve-force to the pneumogastric nerves, or rather to the me-dulla, from which they draw it. The consequence is that the lungs suspend all action, and the person dies, often in a moment, precisely as one dies when the same nerve is severed by the dislocation of the upper portion of the neck the arrest of perapiration. In other cases, the brain is put into a state of apoplexy, from which the person may often be saved by drenching his body with cold water, and applying ice to his head. Sometimes the heat in the shade or in a close room may cause a stroke. But generally it comes from exposing the back part of the head and neck to the sun's rays. In hot weather a cape of white cotton falling from the hat behind is a protection. Those who use ardent spirits are more liable to attacks of this kind than are other persons, and are much less likely to recover from the apoplectic form of it .- Youth's Compan-

-A five-ton sail boat, thirty feet in length, arrived at Stamford, Conn., last week, from Galveston, Tex., in charge of Fred. Hall, a Stamford boy. The voyage occupied forty-two days.

-A public meeting was held at Eaton, O., to discuss the marriage of a white woman and a black man. A resolution to drive the couple out of the village was discussed and voted down.

-One act of charity is worth a cen tury of eloquence.

GENERAL.

THE sun's rays, focalized through the glass of a round water bottle at Alyth, Scotland, set fire to a house.

Two alligators, the first specimens ever found in the Old World, were lately

captured in the Yang-tse-Kiang. A COLORED girl sixteen years old lay down on the railroad near Orangeburg, S. C., fell asleep, and was killed by a

THE British Museum contains a wig which was found in a good state of pres ervation at Thebes, and is probably 3,000 years old.

A CUBAN family at one of the Saratoga hotels has a weekly board bill of \$150. This is for six adults, three children, two maids, coachman and valet.

THE principal cotton ports of the South rank as follows in the extent of receipts of the staple: New Orleans, Norfolk, Savannah, Galveston and Mo-

A PURSE of more than seven thousand dollars has been raised in St. Louis for

days and was hatched on the farm of Col. J. W. Reynolds, had four legs. In walking the legs were all kept in motion, and it was as lively a chick as ever scratched dirt.

MARK TWAIN thinks that every steamboat should be compelled to carry in a conspicuous place the following notice: "In case of disaster do not waste pre-cious time in meddling with the lifeboats-they are out of order."

ROCHESTER is to have a colossal tower, surmounted by an enormous statue of Mercury. It will advertise a tobacco factory. The foot of the god is to be twen-ty-two inches long—a little in advance, says the sarcastic local editor, of that

shown by Buffalo girls. JOHN DICKSON, believed to be the last representative of the famous regiment of "Scots Greys" who charged so gallantly at Waterloo, has just died in England. He was ninety-one years old, and to the last day of his life took a keen and intelligent interest in public

THE inventor of a toy pistol which was used in Philadelphia last Fourth of July ought to be satisfied with its destructiveness. Boys to the number of 157 were injured, and fourteen died. The cartridges were made of cardboard, bits of which were blown into the wounds, causing lockjaw.

THE Mowbray Nitro-Glycerice Works at North Adams, Mass., have been blown up three times. Of the ten successive superintendents, eight have been killed by explosions, one is blind, and the other is now in charge. The utmost care is maintained in the establishment, but danger is unavoidable.

Nor only are real flowers extensively used now as trimming for dresses, but real bird's nests seem to be coming into fashion. One of the leading elegantes of South Kensington, London, appeared lis lines, which position he still held at the other night at a ball with a humand the former little owner stuffed on

HERR IRMINGER, of St. Gallen, Switmade, of unimpeachable honesty and most thoroughly energetic and enterprising, he fought his way through life with only these strong and sterling onalities as his was now and in countries. It was east in the leader of the famous party that stormed the Bastile. It was east in honor of the event, and bears on one position he held, from the humblest to side a half figure of the victor with the the proud and exalted place he has just inscription: "Heari Irminger, chevaquit forever, he made a record which lier et capitaine, vainqueur de la Bas-

THE highest percentage of municipal rowth shown by the census is that of Denver, which has increased during the decade at the rate of 650 per cent. Minneapolis ranks second, with a rate of 400 per cent., and Oakland, Cal., third, with a rate of 233 per cent. St. Paul and Camden, N. J., share fourth place with rate of 107 per cent. Grand Rapids, Mich., is credited with 93 per cent.; St. Joseph, Mo., with 87 per cent.; Omaha, Neb., with 79 per cent., and Atlanta, Ga., with 78 per cent.

THE oldest yew tree in England, which is situated in the Cowhurst churchyard, was mentioned by Aubry, in the reign of Charles I., as then measuring ten yards in circumference at a height of five feet from the ground. It is said, on the authority of De Candolle, to be 1,450 years old. Its present growth is about thirty-three feet. In 1820 this old tree was hollowed out, and a cannonball was found in the center. In 1825 a severe storm deprived it of its upright branches. A door has been made to the inside of the tree, where seats are to be had for twelve persons comfortably.

IT was one of the accusations against the first Napoleon that his wars destroyed the youth of France-"the seed-corn;" and that his military conscription left at home only the old, feeble and sick. The consequences of it are seen in the stunted stature of the Frenchmen even of this day, the statis-tics showing that he is a little below the average size. The war and military conscription of Germany seems to be working out similar results. The youth drawn for military service from all the in hanging. The fatal effect of the heat is hastened by its great increase from serious falling off in their physical qualifications. A large number of these too, were found to be married, and not infrequently fathers of one or two children. A law prohibiting marriage of vouths, liable to military service, before the age of twenty-three, is under discus-

THE St. Louis Cremation Society has obtained from Gotha, in Germany, the plans and specifications of the "columbarium" and crematory in that city. The building and appurtenances cost \$22,000, and the incineration of thirty bodies has taken place in it during the past eighteen months. The columbarium is a building which receives the urns containing the ashes. These urns are furnished by the relatives of the deceased, are thirteen inches high and fifteen wide, and may be deposited in the columbarium for twenty years, after which they are to be removed. The total cost of cremation in Gotha is \$7.50. and the entire management of the crematory, as well as the charge of the columbarium, has been undertaken by the municipal authorities of that city. The St. Louis society is holding regular meetings, keeping up a correspondence on cremation, and answering what are

called sentimental objections.